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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2007, Applicants respectfully  
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.